

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-64 and 66-77 remain pending. Claims 1-64 and 66-77 have been rejected.

Claims 1, 33, 34, and 61 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled. No claims have been added. Support for the amendments is found in the specification, the drawings, and in the claims as originally filed. Applicant submits that the amendments do not add new matter.

Applicant reserves all rights with respect to the applicability of the Doctrine of Equivalents.

Claims 1-64 and 66-77 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,682,540 to Klotz, Jr., et al. ("Klotz") in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. US20020080387A1 to Grasso, et al. ("Grasso").

Amended claim 1 reads as follows:

A computer-implemented method comprising:
receiving an image of an overview of a collection that comprises a first plurality of indication areas associated with a plurality of documents and a second plurality of indication areas associated with a plurality of actions, wherein the plurality of actions includes printing, faxing, sending by electronic mail, and grouping;
identifying at least one action from the plurality of actions set forth in the image;
identifying at least one document from the plurality of documents for the at least one action identified from the plurality of actions, wherein the identifying the at least one action from the plurality of actions set forth in the image is performed based on the second plurality of the indication areas in the image, the identifying the at least one document from the plurality of documents is performed based on the first plurality of the indication areas in the image, wherein the at least one action and the at least one document are identified by scanning the image; and
performing the at least one action on the at least one document in response to the identifying the at least one action from the fourth plurality of actions set forth in the image and the identifying the at least one document from the third plurality of documents from the image.

(emphasis added)

As set forth above, amended claim 1 requires identifying at least one action from the plurality of actions set forth in the image, wherein the plurality of actions includes printing, faxing, sending by electronic mail, and grouping. Amended claim 1 further requires identifying the at least one action and the at least one document by scanning the image of an overview of a collection that comprises a first plurality of indication areas associated with a plurality of documents and a second plurality of indication areas associated with a plurality of actions.

The Examiner acknowledged that Klotz “does not...teach ‘an action indication area that includes a second plurality of check boxes associated with a plurality of action[s]; and a second check box out of the second plurality of check boxes associated with an action out of the plurality of actions; identifying the action from the plurality of actions from the document index image for the second marked check box’”(Office Action, 10/15/08, p. 10).

Accordingly, Klotz fails to disclose identifying at least one action from the plurality of actions set forth in the image, wherein the plurality of actions includes printing, faxing, sending by electronic mail, and grouping, as recited in amended claim 1.

Further, Klotz also fails to disclose identifying the at least one action and the at least one document by scanning the image of an overview of a collection that comprises a first plurality of indication areas associated with a plurality of documents and a second plurality of indication areas associated with a plurality of actions, as recited in amended claim 1.

Grasso, in contrast, discloses knowledge management system and method. More specifically, Grasso discloses the cover sheet that provides an access to the document depositories and document related services (Abstract). In particular, Grasso discloses the following:

The output cover sheet usually has a lot of free space which can be used as an input field for requesting services from the knowledge management service, for providing user comments or explicit ratings or as a convenient output space for printing other information, for example about the document or the work group. The additional space on

the cover sheet enables the cover sheet to be used as an input mechanism to other Paper UI systems or to the knowledge management system. The cover sheet may include, for example, checkboxes for selecting predefined services from the knowledge management service, such as storing a copy of the printed document in memory, archiving the document permanently, making the document public, erasing the document from memory, classifying the document, providing comments or ratings to a recommender service.

(Grasso, paragraph [0019])(emphasis added)

Thus, Grasso merely discloses the coversheet having checkboxes for selecting services for the document, wherein the services include storing a copy of the printed document in memory, archiving the document permanently, making the document public, erasing the document from memory, classifying the document, providing comments or ratings to a recommender service. In contrast, amended claim 1 refers to the plurality of actions set forth in the image, wherein the plurality of actions includes printing, faxing, sending by electronic mail, and grouping.

Accordingly, Grasso fails to disclose identifying at least one action from the plurality of actions set forth in the image, wherein the plurality of actions includes printing, faxing, sending by electronic mail, and grouping, as recited in amended claim 1.

Grasso also fails to disclose identifying the at least one action and the at least one document by scanning the image of an overview of a collection that comprises a first plurality of indication areas associated with a plurality of documents and a second plurality of indication areas associated with a plurality of actions, as recited in amended claim 1.

Thus, neither Klotz, nor Grasso discloses, teaches, or suggests such limitations of amended claim 1.

Furthermore, even if Grasso and Klotz were combined, such a combination would still lack identifying at least one action from the plurality of actions set forth in the image, wherein

the plurality of actions includes printing, faxing, sending by electronic mail, and grouping, as recited in amended claim 1.

Additionally, even if Grasso and Klotz were combined, such a combination would still lack identifying the at least one action and the at least one document by scanning the image of an overview of a collection that comprises a first plurality of indication areas associated with a plurality of documents and a second plurality of indication areas associated with a plurality of actions, as recited in amended claim 1.

Therefore, applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 1 is not obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Klotz in view of Grasso.

For at least the same reasons as discussed above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-64, and 66-77 are not obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Klotz in view of Grasso.

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and arguments set forth herein, the applicable rejections and objections have been overcome. If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 022666 for any fee deficiency that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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